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CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENTS  
IN MILK, POTATO, LARD DELIVERIES

SOFYA'S MILK SUPPLY TO BE INCREASED -- Sofia, Izgreva, 15 Dec 50

Before 9 September 1944, the daily milk supply of Sofia totaled 50,000-60,000 liters, whereas per-capita daily consumption did not exceed 100-120 grams of milk. The present goal is to increase the daily per-capita consumption to at least 200-300 grams and to raise the daily milk supply of the capital to 150,000-200,000 liters.

The numerous dairy farms surrounding the city are small enterprises, widely scattered and unable to furnish the proper milk supply for the population. Therefore, a project is under way to establish a system of large dairy farms in the vicinity of Sofia and throughout the neighboring areas of Sofia, Elin Pelin, Pirdop, and Samokov okoliyas. The dairies will operate as farm workers cooperatives.

In addition, a number of farms in this area will be devoted to the breeding of dairy animals. The Stalin Dam, now under construction, will substantially contribute to the realization of these plans, as well as to the establishment of the projected Sofia fodder center. Other products to be intensively produced throughout the area include pork, eggs, poultry, fruit, and vegetables. A part of this production will be used in food-processing plants. The Sordika food-processing and dairy plant will be developed into a large combine.

According to the plan, during the next 5-6 years, the Sofia milk supply is expected to exceed prewar figures by 500 percent. The plant also includes the enlargement of the Sofia slaughterhouse, which will be converted into a combine for slaughtering animals, packing and storing meat, and processing waste products. The meat production will exceed the prewar level by 300 percent, and vegetable canning will show similar progress.

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POTATO-DELIVERY PLAN LAGS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 15 Dec 50

As of mid-December, the potato-delivery plan has been fulfilled by only 95 percent. In many okoliyas the failure in plan fulfillment is caused by inadequate cooperation between the local people's soviets and the Rayon Cooperative Union. Wherever both organizations work together, the plan has been exceeded.

FIND ADULTERANTS IN LARD -- Sofia, Izgrev, 17 Dec 50

The lard-delivery campaign is in full swing throughout the country, and producers are fulfilling the plan in a most satisfactory manner. However, the rendering enterprises are not adequately organized for storing and processing large shipments of lard. According to a new order, rendering enterprises in Sofia will now work on a 24-hour schedule.

The Rayon Cooperative Unions should provide for a more careful inspection of the lard delivered. Recently, a shipment of 250 kilograms of lard received in Sofia from the Samokov Rayon Cooperative Union, was found to contain small particles of beef suet. Sometimes the containers are moldy. The Kyustendil Rayon Cooperative Union has delivered a shipment of lard containing a large admixture of salt and corn meal, and another area has shipped very poorly prepared lard mixed with cracklings. The impression prevails that the admixtures were not added by the producers but were the work of the collecting agents of the Rayon Cooperative Union.

The quality of lard and proper storing must receive much more careful attention.

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